



Image RCE #

Customized PTO/SB/30 (05-03)

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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Transmittal | Application # | 09/856,358 |
| | Confirmation # | 6873 |
| | Filing Date | 22 May 2001 |
| | First Inventor | KEZUKA et al. |
| | Art Unit | 1765 |
| | Examiner | Umez Eronini |
| | Docket # | P07223US00/BAS |

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
RCE practice does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

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| Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 | <i>Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise (with a separate Request).</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered by the PTO as a submission even if this line is not checked. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Citation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| Miscellaneous | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of * months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37CFR§ 1.17(i) required) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

| FEES: calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above). | | | | | |
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| | NOW | Basic/Previous Number | Present Extra | Rate | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS | 16 | - 20 | 0 | X \$ 18 = | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 | - 3 | 0 | X \$ 86 = | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) | | | | \$ 770 = | 770 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | | 770 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant | | | | - | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | | 770 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee | | | | + \$ = | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other fee for | | | | + \$ = | |
| TOTAL OF ALL FEES = | | | | | \$770.00 |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed. If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted but it is not filed herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555. |

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| Date: 22 December 2003 |
| By: B. Aaron Schulman |
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